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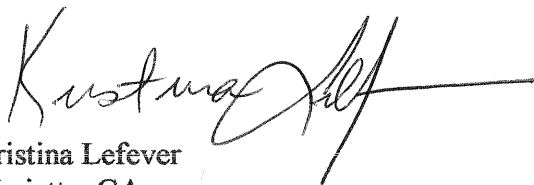
Dear BLM:

Perhaps my comments will be of only secondary importance, as my husband and I do not currently reside in Oregon. However, we are considering moving back to the state, and we have been looking at the Applegate and Rogue Valleys as possibilities.

On a recent trip, I happened to read in a local paper that BLM is considering changes to its Western Oregon Plan, and was dismayed to read about the proposed expansion of Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) usage in and around the Johns Peak area. Especially since few of the riders are local, we can foresee how expanded OHV usage in the area could pretty much destroy it. Not only would the soils, watersheds, and wildlife be impacted negatively, but the valleys' tax-paying residents and their way of life would be affected in such a way that the area would no longer be a desirable place to live - for them or us.

I understand an Executive Order is in place that the BLM must adhere to, which states that the areas for OHVs must be compatible with "existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors." It appears that the current WOPR needs to be reworked to meet this goal.

Thank you in advance for your reconsideration of the Plan.


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